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May 26, 2004

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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From: David Sanders, Ph.D., Director *DS*

## HIGH PROFILE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST DCFS

The attached media alert is to provide your Board with press release information on a high-profile case. Attorney Larry Feldman filed a Claim for Damages, which was received by the Executive Office of Los Angeles County on May 25, 2004. The claim was filed on behalf of Janet Arvizo, mother of the child named in a case pending against entertainer, Michael Jackson. The claim concerns the unauthorized release of a memorandum detailing a DCFS interview and investigation involving the child.

As you were previously notified, we have been in consultation with the District Attorney's office. Additionally, we made an immediate request to the County Auditor Controller's office for a full investigation. We are awaiting results from that investigation, which is currently in progress. I will update you on the outcome upon completion.

If you have questions please call me, or your staff may contact Helen Berberian of the Board and Commission Section at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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### **L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services Responds to Complaint Regarding Leaked Information**

"The L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services continues to conduct an aggressive on-going investigation regarding the origins of the leak of confidential information in this case," said Dr. David Sanders, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. "We are committed to working with the District Attorney's office and County agencies to find the person or persons responsible for the release of this confidential information and hold them accountable."

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